

Fort Des Moines Historic Complex,  
Building 69  
(Stable Guard)  
Des Moines  
Polk County  
Iowa

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## PHOTOGRAPHS

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Building No. 69. Stable Guard

This one-story classical revival style structure fronted on Thayer Street and stood between the fronts of Buildings Nos. 68 and 70. Completed on February 24, 1905, at a cost of \$3,945, its walls were of brick, its foundation rusticated limestone, and its gabled roof slate. Constructed according to plan 39G in the Quartermaster General's Office, the building had a capacity for six men. It measured 33 feet wide by 53 feet long. In front was an open, single tiered porch with turned columns supporting the roof. Concrete steps ran from grade to the porch. Two doors were in the center of the front of the building, graced by a window on either side. A single window was beneath the gable and above the porch roof. On the rear there were four windows on the first level, while another smaller window was on the gable. On the east side of the structure were two windows and a double paneled door, the latter placed near the back of the building. This configuration was repeated on the west side. Windows all had 3-course segmental arches and limestone lug sills. Two chimneys and one ventilator surmounted the ridge of the roof. The interior of the stable guard had a floor of stone and brick. Floor space comprised 1550 square feet, divided as follows:

2 rooms, 15' 6" x 16'  
2 rooms, 15' 4" x 24' 2"  
2 rooms, 10' 3" x 15' 6"

Heating was by hot air and electricity provided lighting. There were eight wall lockers in the building. Repairs averaged \$8.46 per year between 1910 and 1922. In January, 1942, the stable guard was redesignated as a W.P.A. office.(27) As of 1987 the windows of the structure had been sealed and the front porch had been removed. The building is in excellent condition.

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27. Card for Building No. 69. "Historical Record of Buildings." NA, RG 77, Box 51. QMG Plan No. 39G was not located in NA, Cartographic Archives Division; Field survey notes, February 20-22, 1987.